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TOPIC Finow Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. Finow airfield was observed between 8 and 9 a.m. on 17 April 1951. Forty jet fighters with swept-back wings were counted along the road in the northeastern corner of the field. The weather was hazy. Nine of the planes were not covered with tarpaulins and red flags were seen on their
25X1A the [REDACTED] seven planes.

2. On 18 April, 42 jet fighters with swept-back wings were counted in the northeastern and southeastern corners of the field between 9:15 and 10 a.m. Twenty-one of the planes were not covered and had red flags on the noses. The black
25X1A [REDACTED]

flying by jet fighters. A dark object, hemispherical in shape and about the size of a steel helmet, was seen under the left wing of a jet fighter with swept-back wings which landed at the field. The object was fitted under the wing at about the end of the second third of its length when seen
25X1X from the fuselage. [REDACTED]

3. On 20 April, 39 jet fighters with swept-back wings were counted in the northeastern corner of the field. Eight were not covered and had red flags on their noses. The black numbers 15, 13, 05, 07, and the [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] were seen on seven planes. A black object, similar to a projectile, was lying on the ground next to two planes [REDACTED] (1) There was no flying between 4 and 4:30 p.m. although the weather was good.
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4. The jet fighters with swept-back wings which were not covered with tarpaulins were of the same type as previously
25X1C observed. Trucks [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] tank 25X1C truck [REDACTED] and passenger [REDACTED] occupied by [REDACTED]

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a major wearing blue-bordered blue epaulets, were seen entering and leaving the airfield. (2) On 18 April, four officers and about 45 EM who wore black-bordered blue epaulets were seen at the Finowfurt farm. This was probably the total strength of the personnel billeted at the farm. On 26 April, the field was observed from its eastern edge between 10 and 11 a.m. There was good visibility. There was no flying.

5. On 26 April a cantonment, east of the cemetery, with a capacity of about 500 men, was not fully occupied. Ground personnel were probably stationed there since no soldiers wearing flying suits have been observed. The cantonment north of the cemetery was occupied by about 300 ground personnel. About half of the temporary buildings apparently were used for storing equipment. An estimated 800 men, probably including flying personnel, were quartered in the cantonment north of the Finow-Finowfurt railroad line. The restricted housing area located in the southwestern section of Finow, was occupied by an estimated 200 officers with their dependents. The total occupation was thus estimated at about 200 officers and 1,500 EM (3).
6. A small temporary building was under construction at the east end of the runway in line with the row of spotlights. A new radio beacon was in the northeastern corner of the field. No changes were observed on the radio installations east of the field and in forest subarea (Jagen) 174 (4). The locations of the two Dumbo radar sets, one in the cantonment located N of the RR line and the other near the Finow-North airfield, were also unchanged.

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 Comments.

- (1) For sketch of object, see Annex 1.

(2) 

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- (3) A sketch of the cantonments was previously forwarded. See

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- (4) The radio installations are the landing beacon and an Adcock DF.

1 Annex: One sketch on ditto.

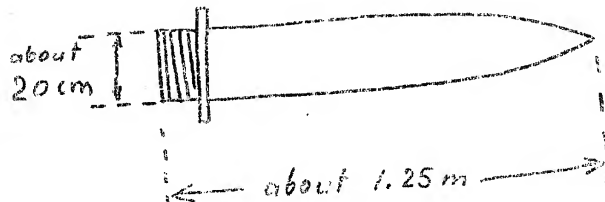
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Projectile-Like Body **CONFIDENTIAL** on the Ground

at Finow Airfield



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